

## Abstract

### Method for secured access to data in a network

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10 The method according to the invention has the effect  
that data protection rights are respected, especially  
with respect to personal data which are available in a  
network with distributed memories. The method is based  
15 on the granting of access rights, with the possibility  
of revocation, to the data available in the network,  
and the storage of data within the network only after  
authorization by the owner of the rights to the data.  
When certain data are requested, only the references of  
20 those data records to which the requesting party also  
has the access rights can be given, it not being  
possible without access rights for the data present to  
be identified. If certain data are to be accessed, the  
access rights may in turn be verified before data  
access is allowed.

(Figure 5)

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